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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))--NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Nonprofit: Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Foerderung der Wissenschaften e.V.
Address of Nonprofit: Hofgartenstrasse 8
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TYPE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America if Located in the United States of America.

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